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State Awards 7 New Schools for 5 School Districts

(PHOENIX, AZ – April 6, 2006) The Arizona School Facilities Board (SFB) approved seven new schools for five districts at their monthly board meeting today.

The schools were awarded as part of the FY06 Capital Plan Cycle, which concludes in May. The cycle begins in early September when districts submit their requests for new construction. From that time on, SFB staff analyzes the requests taking into account factors such as current district capacity and projected growth. Since this cycle began, the Board has awarded \$431,408,298 in new construction.

Four new schools were approved in the west valley. Laveen Elementary District received a K-8 school for 1,000 students to open in Fall 2008. Nadaburg Elementary District, located between Peoria and Wickenburg, was awarded two K-8 schools. One, for 750 students is projected to open in Fall 2007, the other for 600 students is expected to open in Fall 2008. Tolleson Union received a high school for 1,800 students to open in Fall 2007.

The Coolidge Unified School District in Pinal County was awarded a K-8 school for 800 students and a high school for 1,200 students. The elementary school is projected to open in Fall 2007 and the high school in 2008.

Higley Unified School District was approved for another K-8 elementary school to open in Fall 2008. That school will serve 1,025 students.

Today's awards total \$94,222,602. A list of projects approved in this cycle is attached.

These approvals will allow the districts to design their schools within the allocated budgets. Upon completion of design, the project will go before the Board again for approval to begin actual construction. The final round of approvals will occur at next month's meeting to be held May 4 in the Deer Valley District.

SFB Approved New Construction Projects FY 2006 Capital Plan Cycle

Approval Date	District	Project	Grades	# Students	Square Footage	Open FY	NC Funding
12/1/05	Buckeye Elementary	School	K-8	800	73,920	2009	\$8,752,128
12/1/05	J.O. Combs Elementary	School	K-5	750	67,500	2007	\$7,888,725
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1/5/06	Casa Grande Elementary	School	K-5	750	67,500	2008	\$7,888,725
1/5/06	Chandler Unified	School	K-6	988	88,920	2007	\$10,392,080
1/5/06	Chandler Unified	School	K-6	942	84,780	2008	\$9,908,239
1/5/06	Dysart Unified	School	K-8	1,100	101,640	2007	\$12,034,176
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1/5/06	Dysart Unified	School	9-12	1,800	225,000	2009	\$32,141,250
1/5/06	Fowler Elementary	Addl. space	K-5	110	9,900	2008	\$1,157,013
1/5/06	Humboldt Unified	School	6-8	722	69,796	2009	\$8,459,275
1/5/06	Sahuarita Unified	School	9-12	721	96,614	2009	\$13,801,310
1/5/06	Vail Unified	School	K-5	600	54,000	2007	\$6,310,980
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2/2/06	Casa Grande Union	School	9-12	1,500	187,500	2009	\$26,784,375
2/2/06	Florence Unified	School	K-8	1,100	101,640	2009	\$12,034,176
2/2/06	Florence Unified	School	9-12	1,500	201,000	2008	\$28,712,850
2/2/06	Littleton Elementary	School	K-8	972	89,813	2009	\$10,633,859
2/2/06	Marana Unified	School	K-6	650	58,500	2007	\$6,836,895
2/2/06	Marana Unified	School	K-6	650	58,500	2008	\$6,836,895
2/2/06	Maricopa Unified	School	K-6	850	76,500	2007	\$8,940,555
2/2/06	Maricopa Unified	School	K-6	850	76,500	2008	\$8,940,555
2/2/06	Maricopa Unified	Addl. space	10-12	200	26,800	2008	\$3,828,380
2/2/06	Palo Verde Elementary	School	K-8	800	73,920	2009	\$8,752,128
2/2/06	Saddle Mountain Unified	School	K-8	750	69,300	2008	\$8,205,120
2/2/06	Saddle Mountain Unified	School	K-8	900	83,160	2009	\$9,846,144
2/2/06	Saddle Mountain Unified	School	9-12	1,000	134,000	2009	\$19,141,900
2/2/06	Union Elementary	School	K-8	800	73,920	2008	\$8,752,128
2/2/06	Yuma Elementary	Addl. space	6-8	250	24,168	2007	\$2,929,162
3/9/06	Cave Creek Unified	School	9-12	640	85,760	2009	\$12,250,816
3/9/06	Isaac Elementary	School	K-5	-600 250	-54,000 16,917	NA 2008	(\$5,292,540)
3/9/06	Isaac Elementary	Buildout	6-8	250	16,917	2008	\$2,050,340
4/6/06	Coolidge Unified	School	K-8	800	73,920	2008	\$8,752,128
4/6/06	Coolidge Unified	School	9-12	1,200	160,800	2009	\$22,970,280
4/6/06	Higley Unified	School	K-8	1,025	94,710	2009	\$11,213,664
4/6/06	Laveen Elementary	School	K-8	1,000	92,400	2009	\$10,940,160
4/6/06	Nadaburg Elementary	Revision	K-8	150	13,860	2008	\$1,641,024
4/6/06	Nadaburg Elementary	School	K-8	600	55,440	2009	\$6,564,096
4/6/06	Tolleson Union	School	9-12	1,800	225,000	2008	\$32,141,250
	Subtotal:			6,575	716,130		\$94,222,602
	Grand Total:			32,470	3,364,378		\$431,408,298